

Series: The Bible For Today

Title: What's Wrong with Me?

Why Christians Sin When They Don't Want To

Text: (Romans 7:13-25)

Question: Have you ever caught yourself yielding to some sin or temptation, and after you committed the sin, you said to yourself

"WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?"

The truth is, even the most dedicated Christian still has to struggle against temptation and

Sometimes we Cave...

Sometimes we Fall...

Sometimes we Stumble...

Sometimes we Sin.

The truth is, Every One of us is Susceptible to Sin.

The truth is, Every One of us still Sin.

It is not in our hearts to do so.

It is not something we Plan to do.

It is not something we Want to do.

(1 Jn 1:8, 10)

This is "The Tension of the Unfinished Life".

(Phil 1:6)

You carry a deadly concealed weapon everywhere you go!

Its always loaded, has a hair-trigger, & it will go off, & hurt someone.... **That weapon is your tongue.**

(James 3:8b) *"it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison."*

I have good news and bad news for us today.

(1) Bad news: every one of us is wrestling against sin. The battle is fierce: sometimes we Win, but mostly we lose.

(2) The Good news is we are not alone.

The Apostle Paul wrestled with the same sin principle.

TEXT: (Rom 7:13-25)

All our past, present, & future sin is under the blood of Jesus.

Our Worst Day: Not beyond the Reach of God's Grace.

Our Best Day: Not beyond the Need of God's Grace.

The closer we get to God, the more we see our own sin.

(Is 6:1-5)

(b) Paul reflects humility & brokenness in other scriptures too.

(1Cor 15:9) *I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, b/c I persecuted the church of God*

(Eph.3:8) *"who am less than the least of all saints"*

(1Tim.1:15) Paul calls himself *"the chief of sinners."*

There is no such thing as a TEFLON CHRISTIAN.

I. A Saved Person Has A New Passion for Righteousness:
Paul expresses this new passion for true righteousness....

v.15 *...for what I would, that do I not;...*

v.18 *... for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

v.19 *For the good that I would I do not:*

v.21 *I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me.*

The testimony of Paul, is clear: *"I really want (will) to do what is right... I just find myself not doing it at times."*

"WILL"~(GK: Thelo) inclined, or disposed to do something
It means to strongly intend or wish to do something.

1. A SAVED person's WILL has been changed.

a. A saved person has had a change of heart, mind & desires.

b. He really WANTS to do what is right...

1st thing that has to break in us is our stubborn will.

Our will has to be broken to be refashioned to God's WILL.

(Lk 22:42) *not my will, but thine, be done.*

c. A Sign of a supernatural transformation is that we begin to Want the Same Things God Wants (Ps 37:4).

d. A saved person has a heart that doesn't resist what God is trying to do in their lives.

e. One sign of genuine conversion is that a person's "WILL" has been refashioned, and down deep inside he wants what God wants.

f. The sure sign of genuine salvation is that you have a whole new set of DESIRES.

The Sins I was once comfortable with, I am bothered by
The things of the World that I once enjoyed, I no longer enjoy them.

2. A SAVED person's Desires have changed b/c A Christian has been given a brand new nature, and made into a brand new person from the inside out.

He still retains his old fallen nature, but a brand new Christ-like nature has been added.

The Tension of an Unfinished Life: (Rom 6:1-7)

Salvation does not mean fleshly perfection.

Salvation means we have a choice as to what we will do (Rom 6:11-18)

Some believe that this One & Done thing: (2 Cor 5:17)

Then why do we have to put off the Old Man & Put On the New man daily? (Eph 4:22-24)

Yes, We are a New Creature, but the choice is still hours to Choose Right over Flesh. (2 Pet 1:3-4)

A saved person has died to an old life and been given an entirely new heart and nature so that now he/she has a choice to choose what God wants.

This is "The Tension of the Unfinished Life".

(Phil 1:6) *Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

EX. We can see this graphically illustrated in Paul.

B/4 he was saved,

He was a very legalistic, He was self-righteous Jew.

He despised the things of God for he was on mission to persecute and destroy the church of God.

(Phil 3:4-11)

When Christ confronted Paul (then Saul) while he was on the road to Damascus he said, "why are you persecuting me... It is hard for you to kick against the pricks." (Acts 9:4,6)

And now writing the Book of Romans, Paul is no longer kicking against God's will & desires for his life.

Yet the Struggle is Still Real!

"for to will is present with me" (Rom 7:18)

"I will, I Intend to do good"

"when I would do good" (Rom 7:21)

"I want to do what is right"

"For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:" (v.22)

"I want to Do Right in My Heart"

I. A Saved Person Has A New Passion for Righteousness:

1. A SAVED person's WILL has been changed.

But the Struggle in the Flesh is still with us.

The more we grow as a christian, the more we understand the Holiness of God, and the Greater sensitivity we have to OUR SIN.

The Pharisee Christian only looks like they are growing in Christ on the Outside, but is more consumed with the Sin of Others and oblivious to their own.

2. A SAVED person's desires have changed because his/her NATURE has been changed.

Do you see your desire to please God increasing?

I didn't say your performance was improving, but your desire to please God increasing?

whats Wrong with you?

God's Not Done with you.

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